

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA
STATESVILLE DIVISION
CASE NO. 5:18-CV-075-KDB-DCK**

BENJAMIN REETZ,

Plaintiff,

v.

**LOWE’S COMPANIES, INC.,
ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE OF
LOWE’S COMPANIES, INC., and AON
HEWITT INVESTMENT CONSULTING,
INC.,**

Defendants.

ORDER

THIS MATTER IS BEFORE THE COURT on the parties’ proposed “Consent Order For Modified Sealing Procedure For Filing Documents In Connection With Trial Briefing” (Document No. 219) filed May 27, 2021. The proposed order has been referred to the undersigned Magistrate Judge pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b), and immediate review is appropriate. Having carefully considered the proposed consent order and the record, and in consultation with Judge Bell’s chambers, the undersigned will allow the proposed order.

WHEREAS Plaintiff Benjamin Reetz, Defendants Lowe’s Companies, Inc. and the Administrative Committee of Lowe’s Companies, Inc., and Defendant Aon Hewitt Investment Consulting, Inc. (together, the “Parties”) collectively believe that the Parties will be citing to information designated as “Confidential” or “Highly Confidential” under the Consent Protective Order (Document No. 68) (“Protective Order”) with their proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law and pre-trial brief on May 28, 2021.

WHEREAS the Parties seek an order stating that any Party or non-Party wanting to permanently seal any of their “Confidential” or “Highly Confidential” information under the Protective Order filed in any Party’s trial briefing may move the Court to do so in compliance with applicable case law and the relevant provisions of the Local Rules and the Protective Order by July 30, 2021; and any Party wishing to object or otherwise respond to another Party’s or non-Party’s motion to seal may do so by August 6, 2021.

THEREFORE, it is hereby stipulated among the Parties and ordered that all documents containing any Party’s or non-Party’s information designated as “Confidential” or “Highly Confidential” under the Protective Order and filed in connection with the Parties’ proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law and pre-trial briefs be filed provisionally under seal; any Party or non-Party wishing to permanently seal any of their “Confidential” or “Highly Confidential” information filed in any Party’s proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law or pre-trial brief do so in compliance with applicable case law and the relevant provisions of the Local Rules and the Protective Order by July 30, 2021; and any Party or non-Party wishing to object or otherwise respond to another Party’s or non-Party’s motion to seal may do so by August 6, 2021.

SO ORDERED.

Signed: May 28, 2021



David C. Keesler
United States Magistrate Judge



Dated: May 27, 2021

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